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GARGOYLES

**GOLIATH
VERSUS
DEMONA!**



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IF LOOKS COULD KILL!



The product of another forbidden foray into genetic manipulation by Xenotex and his twisted physicists. Gernona managed to get blood samples from me and Solath, and from them the demented Dr. Phobos created a **HUMAN/GEARCYCLE HYBRID**.

Because the paranoid Phobos thought Xenos had it in for him, he found security in his latest genetic concoction, VENUS. Her prime directive: to protect her creator at all costs.

We had our hands full at the time and didn't know of...

VENUS RISING

[illegible]

The GARGOYLES who were using flying in original and of the laboratory complex with XANATON and his newest rig, the MADURA DEVICE.

BEWARE, UNDISCOVERED LINE, THE MURDER OF LIVING, OR LOOK FROM ARE CAN TURN YOU TO STONE PERMANENTLY!

FUWSSSSH

KRAW!

ZZZZZZZZZZ

HE SAYS THE TALKING THING ISLANDS HAVE BECOME DETACHED

WOW THAT WAS TOLD

FOOF

FOOF

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TONOTAN

TAKA TAKA

STAY OUT OF HIS LINE OF FIRE, BUT WE CAN'T REFUSE GETTING STUNNED NOW!

PLOT: MARTIN PASKO & MORT TODD

SCOPES: MORT TODD

BREAKDOWNS: AMANDA CONNER

ENOUGH DEMONSTRATION! NOW YOU WILL HAVE THE PLEASURE OF BEING THE NEXT LIVING CREATURE TO FEEL THE EFFECTS OF MY DEVICE!

FZZZZZ

WOW IT'S TOO EASY TO GO TO SLEEP

BROOKLYN!
GET BACK!

OOF!

GIVE UP,
KAWTOS! YOU'VE
NEVER GOT THE BEST
OF US, YET!

YOU GIVE
ME NO CHOICE,
GOLIATH!

WHAT I WAS
GOING TO USE TO
CONTROL YOU, I
MUST NOW USE
TO DESTROY
YOU!

FWASSH

CRACK

It looked like he had
GOLIATH dead in his
sights, when...

AAAAARRRRRRR

FIRE

IT IS
THAT
FEAROM!

CHAKK

NO...
IT'S SOMETHING
ELSE!

WHAT
IS--

BY THE
ROCKERY!
SHE-- SHE IS A
GARGOYLE!

WHO ARE
YOU?

MY NAME
IS VENUS.

ARE
YOU... NO
BROTHER?

AGG!
MORE LIKE YOUR
BROTHER!

LET'S
SEE HOW
WELL YOU FACE
WITHOUT YOUR
EYE WEAPON.

AAA! NOW
FORTUITOUS!

SHE--
SHE LOOKS
LIKE ME.

WHAT
SORCERY IS
THIS?

NOT
SORCERY.
SCIENCE!

SHE'S
A CREATION OF
PHOBOS. A HYBRID
BREWED OF BLOOD
SAMPLES FROM BOTH
YOU AND GOLATH, DETECTIVE!

BUT
WHY IS SHE
ATTACKING
ME?

YOU
WEAR THE
FALSE MANTLE
OF MY KIND AND
THREATEN THOSE
LIKE ME THAT
MAKES YOU AN
ENEMY!

SWANK!

K-TUNK!



I WON'T
NEED WEAPONS TO
DISPATCH THE LIKES
OF YOU!

WE CAN'T
FLY FOR LACK
OF AIR
CURRENTS.

...BUT WE
MUST HELP THE
POOR CREATURE!
GRAB HOLD, ELISA.
WE'LL SCALE
THE WALL!

GOLIATH
SEEMS
INTRIGUED
BY HER...

THEY'RE
GETTING
AWAY!



WE'VE GOT TO
BE CAREFUL.
WE DON'T KNOW
ANYTHING
ABOUT THIS
VENUS.

SHE WAS
PROBABLY
PROGRAMMED
TO ATTACK
YOU!

IF WE
ARE TO BELIEVE
XANATOS, SHE IS
PART ME AND
PART YOU!

SHE DESERVES
THE BENEFIT OF
OUR POLICY!

CHUNK!



YOU ONLY EXIST
BECAUSE OF ME, ENFANT
TERRIBLE! YOU WILL SERVE ME,
OR BE DESTROYED!

EXCELLENT!
VENUS AND MY
SPY-CAM ARE
WORKING
PERFECTLY!

CONSIDERING
SHE'S NEWLY BORN,
SHE IS FUNCTIONING
EXQUISITELY!

HER
BATTLE TECHNIQUE
IS COMMENDABLE. SHE
ISN'T GIVING XANATOS A
CHANCE TO USE HIS
ARMAMENTS!

IF XANATOS
THOUGHT TO GET RID
OF ME, HE'LL NOT HAVE
THAT CHANCE NOW!

AND ONBOARD A BOAT OFF THE ISLAND, HUDSON AND BACHA WATCH THE SKYBORNE BATTLE.

AH, BRODA,
THERE IS
SOMETHING
BREWING IN THE
SKIES!

IT APPEARS A
STEEL CLAN WARRIOR
IS BATTLING A
GARSCOLE... BUT
WHICH ONE?

YOU'RE
QUICK, I'LL
GRANT YOU
THAT...

BUT YOU
CAN'T EVADE
MY BLASTS
FOREVER!

EVEN YOUR
MECHANICAL
MEANS OF
FLIGHT
PROVE ME!

THAT
SENT HER
FALLING
LIKE...

...WELL, A
STONE!

I STILL
HAVE BRUTE
FORCE!

ADORN!
YOU MUST'VE
INHERITED YOUR
TERRESTRIAL FROM
DETECTIVE WARRIOR

WELL, IF
TECHNOLOGY
FALLS ME...

PWRRAK

OH, NO! NO!

...I HOPE HE
HASN'T DAMAGED
VENUS! I STILL HAVE
NEED OF HER!

SHE PERFORMED
ADIRABLY!— A
TOTAL FIGHTING
MACHINE!

I'M SURE
ANNATOS WILL NOT
BE AWAYED BY THE
SUCCESS OF
VENUS.

I MUST GO
OUTSIDE TO CHECK ON
HER WELFARE... SHE
MIGHT BE REVIVED AND
SALVAGED!

THAT
FASCINATING
HYBRID CREATURE
CAPPIED MY
JET PACK!

...BUT HE'S GONE TOO
FAR AND MAY BE
CAPABLE OF DOING
SOMETHING MORE
EXTREME.

OWEN,
HAVE THE
ISLAND
EVACUATED
IMMEDIATELY
AND HAVE
THE VIOLE
REDEVELOP
WITH MY
CURRENT
POSITION.

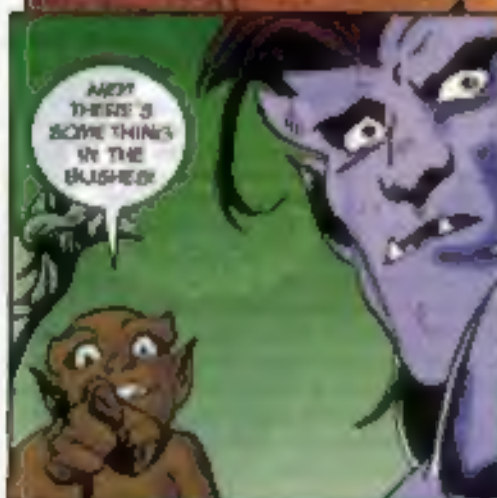
YES,
SIR!

I'VE
ALWAYS
KNOWN
PHOBOS
WAS A
BORDERLINE
PARANOID
SCHIZOPHRENIC

AAHH! THE
CARDS ARE
EXITING FROM THE
HOLDS... I WISH
WE HAD SOME
TIME FOR COMBAT
BEFORE MY RIDE
ARRIVES!

HEY!
THERE'S MR.
BIG NOW!

GET
READY FOR
ANYTHING,
GUYS!





SHE... SHE'S SO BEAUTIFUL! INCREDIBLY STRONG... YET SO VULNERABLE! WHAT CAN THIS POOR CREATURE BE FEELING?



SO SORRY TO INTERRUPT THIS TOUCHING MOMENT...

PHOBOS

BUT THE GIRL IS MINE!



NOW FULFILL YOUR REASON FOR EXISTENCE - ATTACK THE GARISOLES!

NO!

THOUGH YOU CREATED ME, THESE ARE MY PEOPLE!



NO NO!! YOU ARE MINE, VENUS! IF YOU WILL NOT BE MINE...

I'LL DESTROY THIS ISLAND! I'LL KILL US ALL!

HAHAHAHAHA

YOU ARE PATHETIC, PHOBOS! YOUR MUCH-VAUNTED BODYGUARD IS USELESS! AND YOUR REPLICA DEVICE...

IS NOW MINE! THIS
MARKS THE BEGINNING OF
THE END OF YOUR ACCURSED
HUMAN RACE

AFTER DISMANTLE YOUR
MISCREANTS, I'LL HEAD BACK
TO NEW YORK AND BEGIN THE
PETRIFICATION OF THE WORLD
UNTIL ONLY UNBROKEN
RULE WHAT'S LEFT

NOT WHILE
STILL HAVE THIS REMOTE
WHICH CAN BURN THIS
WHOLE ISLAND

PHOBOS.
YOU TALK TOO
MUCH!

WIDE P. REPORT
TO ALL EVALUATION
SITES IMMEDIATELY

JUST AS I SUSPECTED
PHOBOS HAS ENCODED THE
ISLAND SELF-DESTRUCT
MECHANISM WITH A
PROGRAM HE CAN'T
OVERRIDE

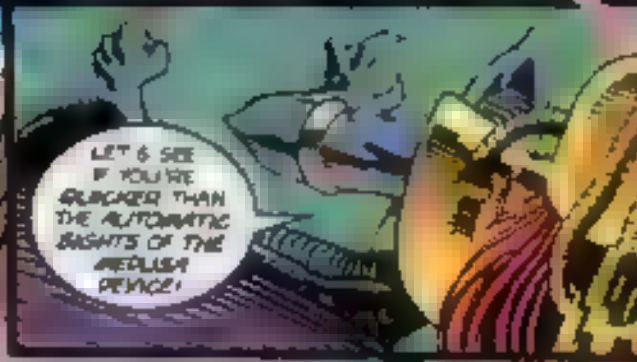
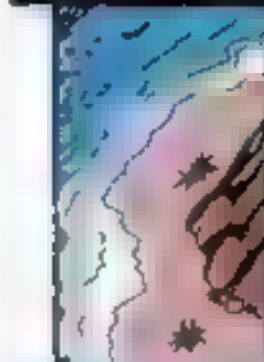
ALL MY
INVESTMENTS IN
GEN-13 TECH MAY SOON
BE PULSED INTO THE
ATLANTIC!



TRYING
TO SNEAK
UP ON ME,
BROOKLYN?



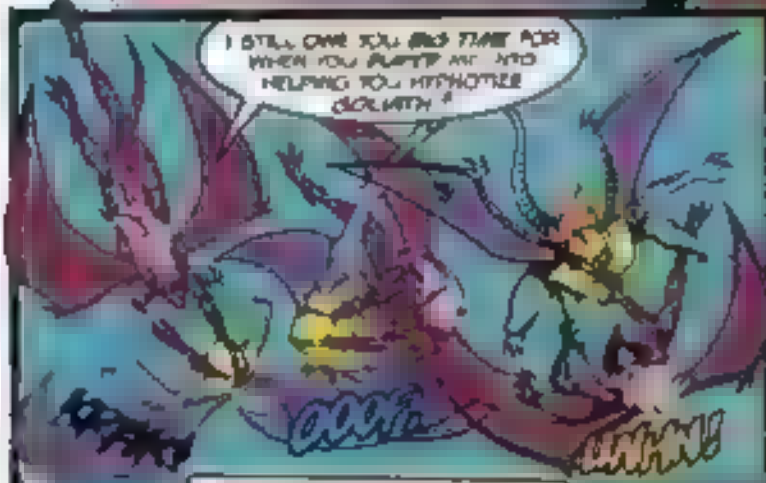
SKRAAK



LET'S SEE
IF YOU'RE
QUICKER THAN
THE AUTOMATIC
BIGHTS OF THE
MEDUSA
DEVICE!



MISSED
ME MISSED ME
NOW YA GOTTA
MISS ME!



I STILL GIVE YOU TWO TIME FOR
WHEN YOU PLUMP ME INTO
HELPING YOU HYPOTHETICAL
SOLUTION!

*AS SEEN IN THE CLASSIC TV
EPISODE: TEMPTATION - HILLY



THAT'S A
DEBT THAT I'LL
FORGIVE!

I WONDER
IF YOU'LL STILL
HAVE YOUR SENSES
WHILE YOU'RE
FROZEN FOR ALL
ETERNITY!



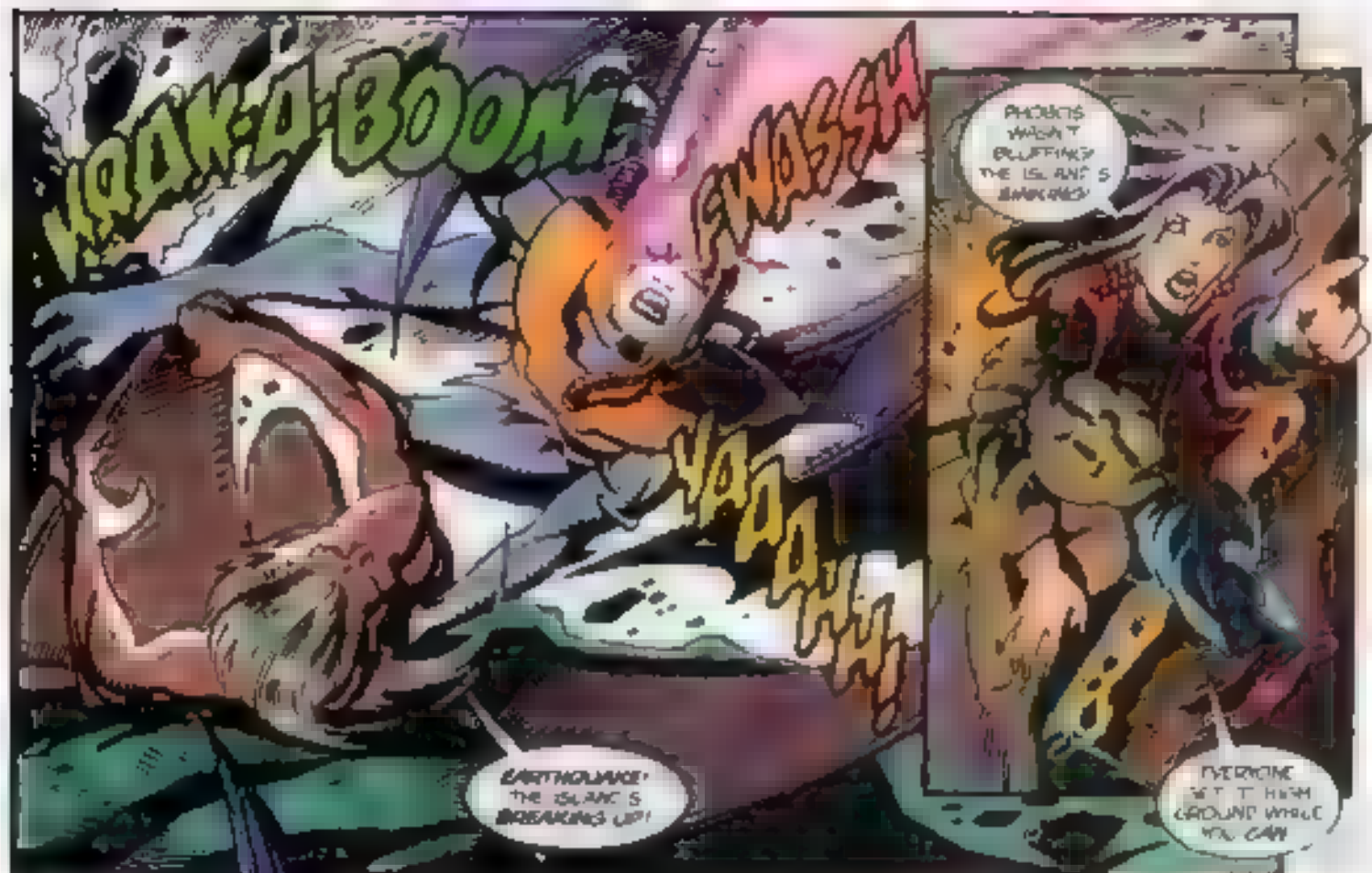
RRRUMMBLE



NOW
WHAT?

THE
ISLAND DWELLERS
SEEM TO BE LEAVING
THE ISLAND IN SUCH
HASTE THAT THEY'RE
FORGETTING US!

• ONLY TELLST
OUR FRIENDS
ARE SAFE



PIRATES
WON'T
BLUFFING
THE ISLAND'S
SHAKING

EARTHQUAKE!
THE ISLAND'S
BREAKING UP!

EVERYONE
GET T-HIGH
GROUND WHILE
YOU CAN



DEATH!

YOU MURDER
ARE FORGET ANY
PAST WE HAD AND
WHAT YOU MEANT
TO ME

NOTHING
WILL STOP ME
FROM MAKING SURE
YOUR EVIL ENDS
HERE!

NO, GOLIATH
DON'T!

RUMBLE



VENUS!
YOU STOPPED
ME

FROM
FALLING
WITH THAT
CREWAGE!

YOU
MOOLS ARE STILL
DOOMED!

THAT'S IT!
JUST KEEP WARRIN
AND DON'T IN THE
L-L-OL ARE!





NO! WE CAN'T UNTIL WE'RE SURE THE HYDRA DEVICE IS DESTROYED!

WE CAN'T LET THEM, OR ANYONE HAVE SUCH A DESTRUCTIVE WEAPON

THERE'S NO SIGN OF HER OR THE DEVICE

YOU OTHERS GET BACK TO THE BOAT. I'LL MAKE ONE LAST SWEEP AROUND THE ISLAND TO MAKE SURE THE DEVICE IS DISMANTLED

NO! YOU CAN'T!

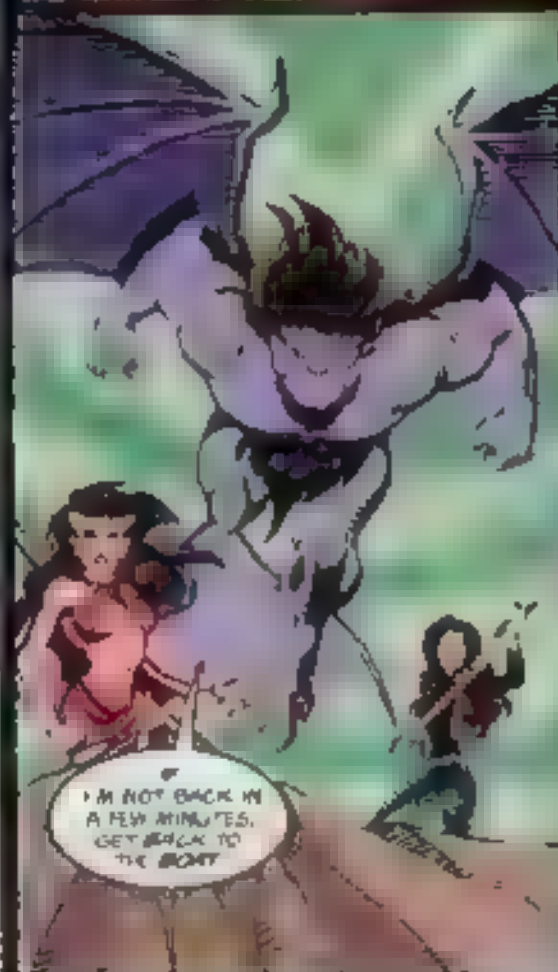


I NEED YOU TO STAY WITH ME TEACH ME ABOUT LIFE AND LOVE!

VENUS, NONE OF US WILL HAVE A LIFE TO LIVE IF WE DON'T STOP DEMON

THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF TIME FOR US IN THE FUTURE!

OH, GREAT



I'M NOT BACK IN A FEW MINUTES. GET BACK TO THE BOAT



HE'S NOT GONNA HAVE ALL THE FUN TO HIMSELF

HE TENDS TO UNDERESTIMATE THAT WHATCH



HE'LL NEED SOME HELP IF HE FINDS HERE

LIKE HE SAID, IF WE'RE NOT BACK SOON SAVE YOURSELVES!

THAT WOMAN SO BRAVE, LIKE A WARRIOR!

ROOMMMMM

BWANN!

STILL NO
SIGN OF
HER!

AFTER
ALL THESE
YEARS CAN DEMONA
FINALLY HAVE
HER! SHE'S
MINE!

SHE WAS
MINE! SHE WAS
MINE! BUT IN THE END
SHE WAS STILL ONE
OF MY CLAN!

BWOOSH!

RRUMMBLE

THERE'S
SOMETHING
OUT THERE!

FOR
CRYING OUT
LOUD!

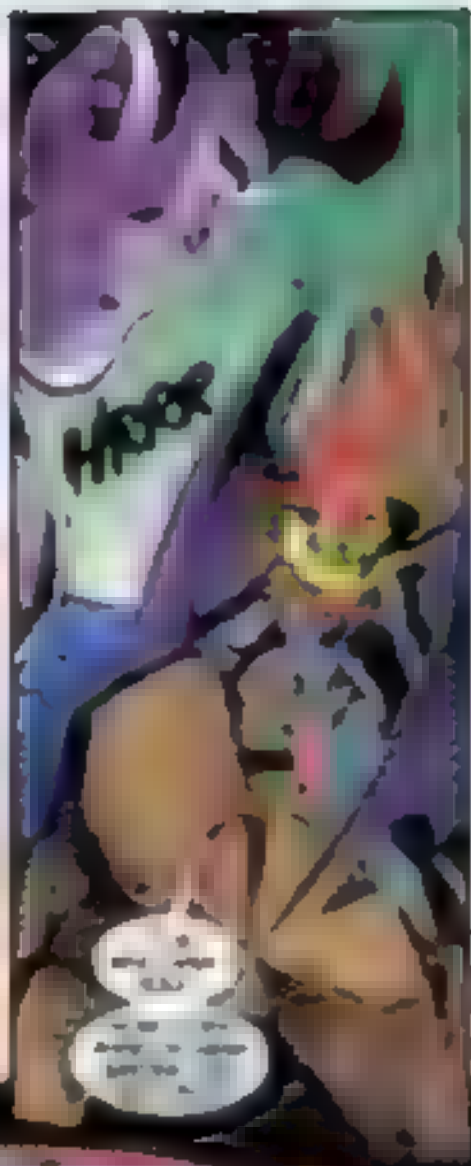
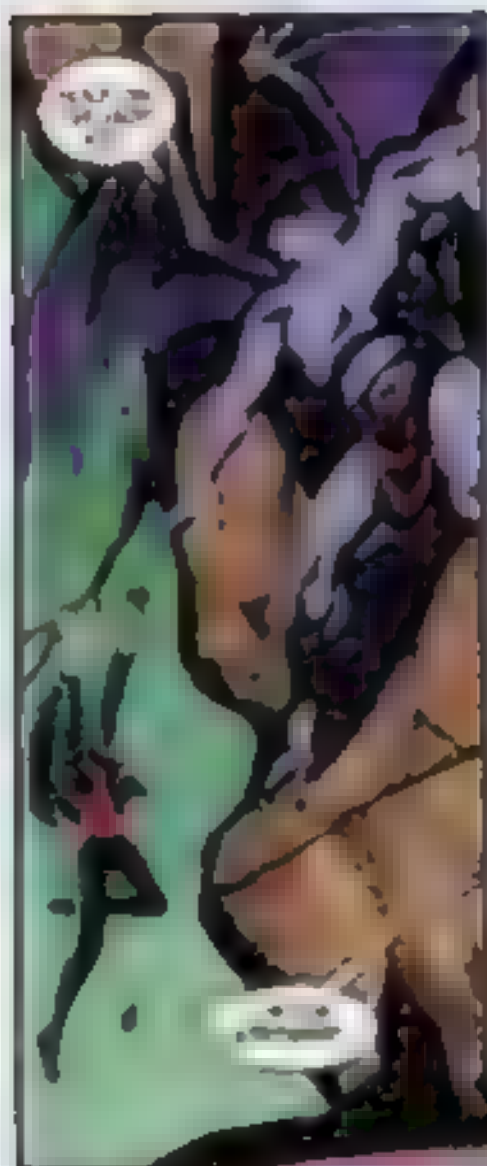
MAN!
THERE'S NOTHING
HATE MORE THAN
BEING A DAMSEL
IN DISTRESS!

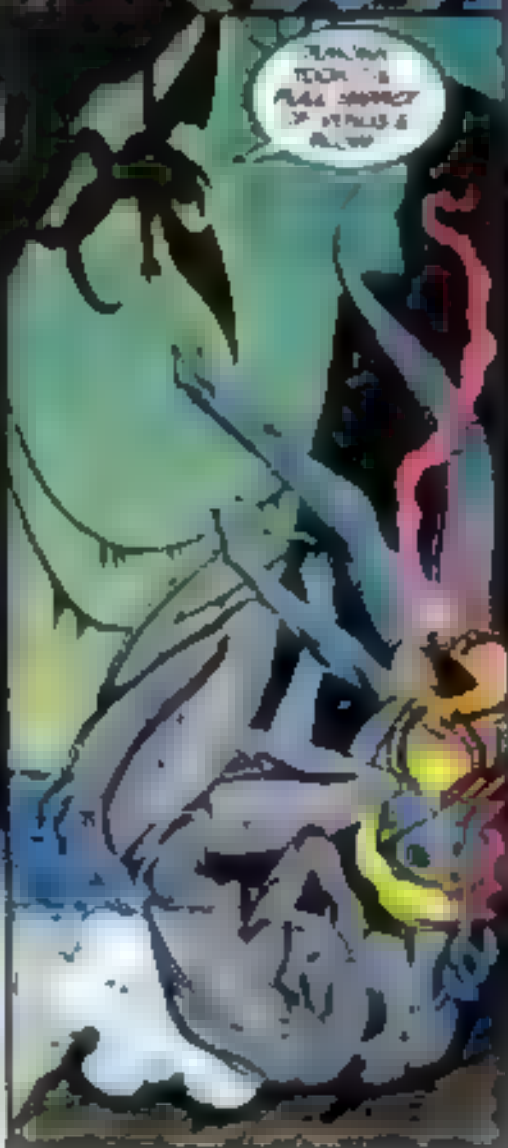
CRUMBLE

RESA!

I'LL
BE THERE
IN A SECOND
HAND ON.

THANKS
FOR THE
TIP





SNIK

I'M
HERE,
ELISE!

OH,
SHOOT!

HEED!
TAKE WING TO
THE SHIP!

DEMONA
AND... AND VENUS...
IS THERE ANY SIGN
OF THEM?

I'M AFRAID WE
DON'T HAVE THE LUXURY OF
LOOKING FOR THEM

WELL,
THAT SURE
ENDED WITH A
BANG!

BRACKA-BA
WOOOMMM

BA-WOOOSSSH

AWA HAH HAH



DEMONA
SEEMS TO BE
ESCAPING WITH
SOME SORT OF
BOOTS!

THOSE FOOLS
COULDN'T STOP ME
FROM ESCAPING WITH
MY PRIZE!

SURE AN
I DON'T LIKE THE
LOOKS OF THIS,
IRONU!



THANKS TO A
RECENT VIEWING OF
"FROM RUSSIA WITH
LOVE", I KNOW WHAT
THIS LITTLE GUNGET
IS GOOD FOR...



I'M
BLADE!

PLOOSH

ARRRGH!

ALWAYS
DID LIKE THAT
CONNERY LAD
BEST!

HEH HEH!

IT WAS ALL FOR
NIGHT! MEET ME
MEET, THEY'LL PAY
FOR THIS! THAT I
APPEAR!



So that was the end of GEN U-TECH Island and the end of the MEDUSA PROJECT.

Though Venus was GORE at the outbreak she denied ARIENT. She was per ME and per GELIATH and she affected BOTH of us.

She made me think about Golan and me... what our relationship IS and ISNT and I SCARED me. I must admit I let SAULUS and I'm not PROUD of those feelings.

Karolus had one last weapon to use in his MAD campaign for domination, but he had paid the ULTIMATE price for it.

I PRAY that she's at PEACE wherever she is. I only know that I won't be at peace with myself for SOME time.

END OF THEIR STORY

NEXT They're back... for the first time in comic!
ISSUE: THE PACK ATTACK!

WRITTEN IN STONE

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LISA ZAMPELLA
Assistant Editor

Dear GARGOYLES,

Three cheers for Amanda Conner! Until I picked up my daughter's copy of GARGOYLES, I had never heard the name before. We (my daughter and I) are predominantly the super hero types, which means we collect all X-MEN and other related comics, but we have, on occasion, branched off into other areas. Because we liked the GARGOYLES movie and enjoy the cartoon, we took a chance with GARGOYLES and we absolutely loved them.

While putting some books together to take to the New York Comics Convention, we noticed that Amanda was on the list of artists to be there and my daughter insisted we take out GARGOYLES to be signed. I have never been so impressed with anyone as much as Amanda. I was surprised and pleased to see that she could produce super heroes with the best of penitents, but most impressive was the exceptionally personable manner with my ten-year-old daughter. She went beyond nice to make a fan feel special.

My daughter did not stop talking about Amanda all the way home and the fact that we met other very popular artists did not seem to matter. Amanda won the day and I would personally like to see more of her work in the future. I believe Marvel has found a piece of the magic puzzle that makes the comic business so special.

Thank you to Amanda for being special and be assured that we are just two of what I am certain will be her many fans. Watch out Jim Lee, here comes Amanda.

Vincent A. Tannone
Tiffany Jade Tannone
Lake Peekskill, NY

Sorry, we might be biased, but we totally agree with you about Amanda. She is one of the top talents in the industry (and the best kept secret in comics, but that'll change) and one of the nicest people you could meet in comics!

Dear GARGOYLES and Company,

Congratulations on your work. My favorite character is Demona. You should definitely show more of her in the future. Xanatos is a good villain. I like how he's subtle and outwardly polite, even to Elisa and the other Gargoyles. That's more like a real-life villain than the ones in most comics who have no sense of tact or diplomacy. Elisa was also a surprise. When I heard she was going to be the Gargoyles' "human friend" I was like, "Oh, no! Not another cheesy April O'Neil-type girl", but she proved herself pretty well. I like how she kicked butt on those soldiers in GARGOYLES #4. The Pack is definitely top, with cool characters like Wolf and Hyena. This group should have their own comic series!

Chris Trebil
B. Hampton, NY

Demona is one of our favorite characters, too! Hope you enjoyed her appearance this issue, expect to see LOYIS more of her in future issues. New writer Mort Todd has some devilish plans for her to pull on Gollath and Elisa very soon! And don't miss the "Pack Attack" coming in issues #7 and #8!

Dear Written in Stone,

When my boyfriend told me there was a GARGOYLES comic I went apoplectic! I ran right out and bought the first issue. I think the art is spectacular. Oh, demona, da rool! Those who believe comics are for kids obviously don't read GARGOYLES or X-MEN. I also love how you guys answer all of the letters you print. You should keep the letters at two pages for keeps. I love reading the letters. As for my favorite Gargoyle, it's a



mess up between Lexington and Brooklyn. You guys do a great job with their characters. Minus the 1000 years they were frozen, how old are the Gargoyles? Keep up the awesome work!

Wendy Fay, age 18
Auburn, MA

Gargoyles live to be hundreds of years old, but Brooklyn, Lex and Broadway are still in their "teen" years. Gollath is a bit older, and as you can tell, Hudson is a bit more mature. As for Bronx, he's still a pup! Wait'll you see him full grown!

Dear GARGOYLES,

I'm a huge fan of Disney cartoons and just about every form of animation. I am 20-years-old and will proudly state, "I love your comic!" They convinced me to first rent and then buy the Gargoyles movie on video. I enjoy that your comic seems to follow the Gargoyles animated series. I say "seems" because I've yet to see an episode of the great new Disney adventure. When did it start? What channel might it be on? Disney? The Cartoon Network? I've got to know! Thank you so very, very much for your comic!

Ryan A. May, age 20
Hobe Sound, FL

The animated TV series, Gargoyles, premiered in Fall 1995 and currently shows on Fridays as part of The Disney Afternoon (Aladdin, Goof Troop, Darkwing Duck, etc.). The good news for Gargoyle fans is that starting next fall, the show will be on four days a week! We've had the chance to read the story synopses for next season and all we can say is... WOW! Not only will you be thrilled by what's in store for you, but it will answer many of the questions that you fans have been asking!

Dear Written in Stone,

When I happened upon the Gargoyles TV show, I was excited. When I got the movie, I was thrilled. When I got the comic, I fell in love! The artwork is great! You guys should be commended! I just got GARGOYLES #2 and it was just as good, if not better, than #1. One thing confused me. On the TV show, Elisa finds a brother, Derek. In the comic book she has a sis. What happened? Other than that, I think your work and this comic book are absolutely fabulous! Keep up the good work!

Rachel S. Hochberg, age 12
Easton, PA

Although she hasn't appeared on the TV show yet (she's been going to school in Arizona, after all), Elisa's sister, Beth, will be on the show next season. And wait until you see the changes Derek goes through on the new show with David Xanatos!

Dear Written in Stone,

I love the Gargoyles TV show and I love your issues from Marvel. I like how the illustrations express the feelings of the characters, thanks to the gifted talent of Amanda Conner. I like the colors, too. Greg Wright must have worked his butt off trying to color it so perfectly.

My favorite characters in the TV series and comic are the mighty Gollath, the fierce warrior (and TV junkie) Hudson, the 20th Century lo-crazy Brooklyn, food-loving and bawky Broadway, 20th Century techno-wonder Lexington, the lovely human detective Elisa Maza and my real favorite, the cute Bronx.

Nakia C. Ann Deyale, age 15
Ville Lasalle, Quebec, Canada

It sounds like ALL the Gargoyles (and Elisa) are your favorite characters, Nakia, and we can't blame you! We also have a soft spot for Bronx and are planning to do a special Bronx solo story in a future issue!

NEXT ISSUE:

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